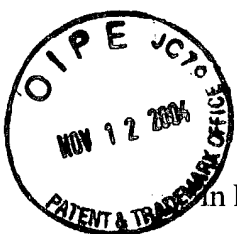


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Sir:

The non-final Office Action mailed September 30, 2004 (Paper No. 4) has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.